

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

SUPPLY OF IRON, STEEL, ETC., FOR AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER PURPOSES IN THE STATE.

*Q.—525. Sri B. R. PATIL (Hangal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the places from, where iron steel, etc., is being supplied in Mysore State for agricultural and other purposes;

(b) the authority to issue wholesale and retail licenses to trade in iron and steel;

(c) who will allot the quota of iron and steel together with the basis of allotment;

(d) who will issue retail permits to agriculturists and others;

(e) who will hold and sell stocks at each of the District and Taluk level in the State;

(f) the quantity of iron and steel distributed in each of the Districts in the State since last 10 months for (1) agricultural and (2) other purposes;

(g) the action they propose to take to see that adequate supply of iron, steel and corrugated sheets, etc., is made over in Dharwar and other districts where there is meagre or no supply since last 10 months or so?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) Messrs. Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, Messrs. Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., Jamshedpur, and the Indian Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., Burnpur (Calcutta), supply iron and steel to the Mysore State both for agricultural and other purposes.

(b) The Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta, is the authority, who issues licenses to deal in iron and steel.

(c) The various Ministries of the Government of India allocate iron and steel on all India basis.

Allotments made to the State are being distributed to the dealers of districts on the basis of the quota received from the Government of India and the probable demand from the districts.

(d) The Iron and Steel Control organisation at Bhadravati issues permits to the consumers for purposes like construction of buildings, manufacturing units, etc.

For agriculturists, in all parts of the State except the Belgaum Division, the Block Development Officers in the N.E.S. Blocks and Agricultural Demonstrators in the non-N.E.S. blocks issue permits for M. S. Sections. For sheets, the District Agricultural Officer issues the permits.

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In the Belgaum Division the permits are issued by the Revenue authorities.

(e) The Registered Stock-holders appointed by the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta, hold stocks of iron and steel and sell them against permits.

(f) *Vide* statements appended.

(g) As far as steel sections are concerned, adequate supplies are being made by the Mysore Iron and Steel Works both under agricultural quota and non-agricultural quota. The supply position of sheet material is unsatisfactory. All the main producers carry orders of past 2-3 years. Supplies are made by them on the basis of the priority given by the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta. However, action has been taken by the Iron and Steel Controller for Mysore to move the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta, to advise producers to arrange adequate supply of sheets to the State.

Regarding corrugated sheets, there is a general shortage in the country. The Iron and Steel Controller for Mysore is making efforts to get adequate supplies by addressing the authorities concerned.

Statement showing the distribution of Iron and Steel (Districtwise) from 1st February 1960 to 28th February 1961, for Agricultural purposes :—

					Tons
1	Bangalore	...	...	...	421
2	Kolar	...	...	...	603
3	Tumkur	...	...	...	518
4	Mandya	...	...	...	873
5	Hassan	...	...	...	483
6	Shimoga	...	...	...	524
7	Chitradurga	...	...	...	594
8	Chickmagalur	...	...	...	423
9	Mysore	...	...	...	326
10	Bellary	...	...	...	416
11	North Kanara	...	...	...	61
12	South Kanara	...	...	...	134
13	Bijapur	...	...	...	167
14	Raichur	...	...	...	161
15	Gulbarga	...	...	...	161
16	Coorg	...	...	...	21
17	Bidar	...	...	...	26
18	Belgaum	...	...	...	352
19	Dharwar	...	...	...	227

Statement showing the Districtwise allotment of Iron and Steel for non-agricultural purpose (April 1960 to March 1961):—

Sl. No.	Name of the District	In Tons
1	Bangalore	3,584
2	Belgaum	264
3	Bellary	880
4	Bidar	110
5	Bijapur	198
6	Chickmagalur	396
7	Chitradurga	1,452
8	Dharwar	1,122
9	Gulbarga	528
10	Hassan	660
11	Kolar	528
12	Mandya	572
13	Mysore	1,562
14	Raichur	264
15	Shimoga	946
16	South Kanara	1,100
17	Tumkur	770
18	Coorg	22
19	North Kanara ... }	The demand from this district is very poor and therefore, it is being met from the nearby districts.

TAKING OVER OF ROADS AS STATE FUND ROADS IN SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT

*Q.—627. Sri Y. MANJAYYA SETTY (Baindur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have received any representation to take over the following roads as State Fund Roads in South Kanara District;

(i) Gulvady-Karhunji-Ajri.Shiddapur Road;

(ii) Gujjady-Alur-Wandre Road;

(b) if so, the action taken by them in this regard?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) A representation in this behalf has been received by the Executive Engineer.

(b) This will be considered as and when more roads are proposed to be taken over as State Fund Roads.